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In re Application of:

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For: AN IMPLEMENT FOR DEMARCATING AN AREA AS WELL AS A
VEHICLE SUITABLE FOR BEING USED IN SAID TREATMENT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement which lists prior art that may be considered of interest in the examination of subject Application.

This Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search of the prior art has been conducted or that other material information as defined under 37 CFR §1.56(a) may not exist.

It is submitted, however, that this Statement complies with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 609. If, for any reason, the Examiner to whom this Application is assigned for examination considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any deficiencies can be corrected.

The following documents are submitted herewith:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,341,181, of July 27, 1982, which issued to Fair. This patent discloses a rolling livestock confinement pasture machine. The livestock are confined within a rectangular area defined by the machine, and the machine is movable from area to area whereby the livestock may consume pasture vegetation within the confines of the machine. The machine is caused to move by two sets of tandem drive wheels 36 mounted at each rear corner of the machine. These drive wheels are driven by an electric motor 50 via a gear box 52. At the forward corners, the machine has two sets of dual dolly wheel units 64. A steering assembly 100 is shown in Figures 3 and 5.

2. French Demande De Brevet d'Invention No. 80 17350, Publication No. 2 488 103, of Lemenager, was published February 12, 1982. This patent document discloses two embodiments of a framework which is apparently moved from a handle or connection 2 which may be connected to a tractor or the like. Each embodiment has two side-by-side wheels. In one embodiment, a framework disposed between the wheels carries a solar panel. In the other embodiment the framework carries a battery. It also carries a spool on which electric wire is apparently wound. Both embodiments also include insulators 22 and 29.

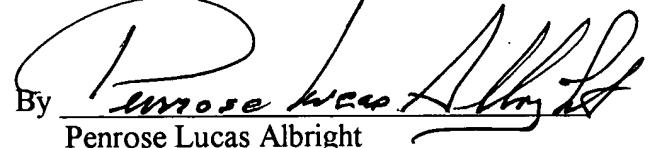
3. German Offenlegungsschrift DE 4215714 A1, of Schulte, was published November 18, 1993. This discloses a caterpillar vehicle which carries a battery 44. Motors 17 and 18 drive the caterpillar elements on the port and starboard sides of the vehicle respectively. The vehicle carries a pivotal post 20 which is shown in a vertical disposition and has a horizontal element at the top that has a pair of insulators which support an electric wire 6 in a horizontal disposition.

If requested, translations of the above French and German patent documents will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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